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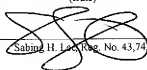
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTED APRIL 29, 2008**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are responsive to the rejections set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action transmitted April 29, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Summary of Interview begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.